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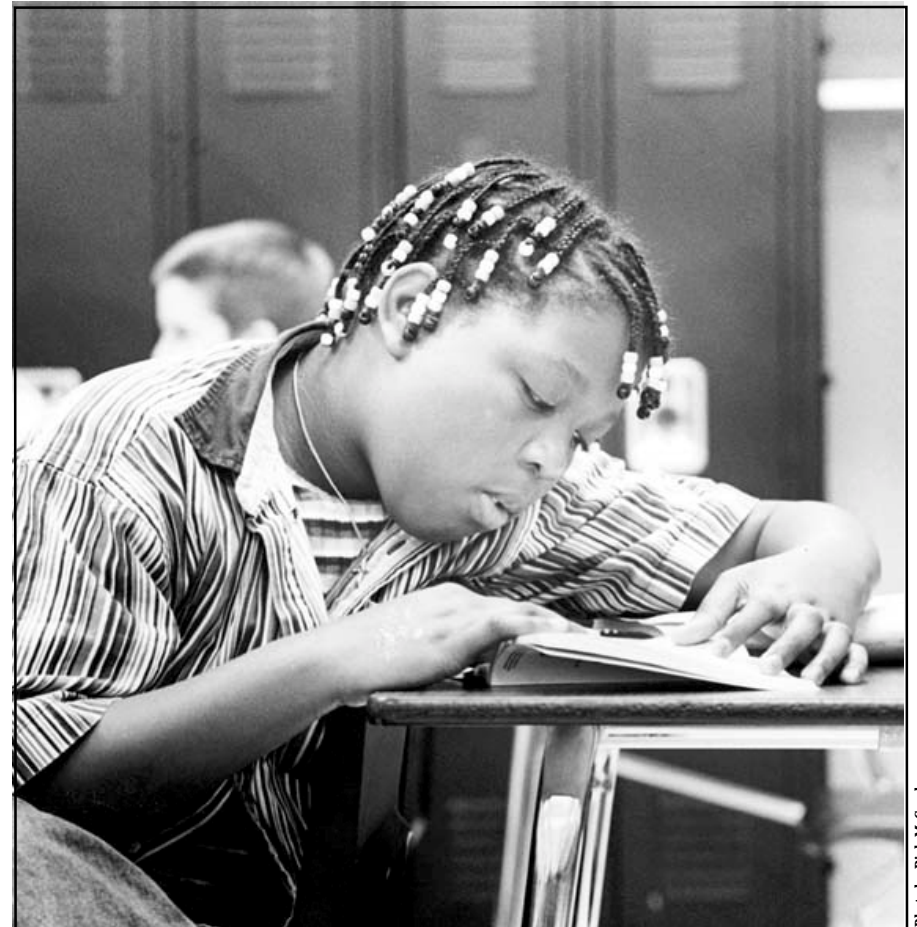


Photo by Rick McComb

**A RISING STAR** — Marissa Girtten gets in some reading practice at Kennedy Middle School in Jefferson County. She was participating in last summer's Rising Stars program, which builds smooth transitions from elementary to middle school and from middle school to high school. The district will offer the voluntary program again this year. For details, see Page 11.

*"I am troubled that educators in some schools are still wrestling with whether they really believe all students can learn and whether we educators have the skills and abilities to lead all students to high levels of achievement."*

Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit, on observations during visits to 19 Kentucky schools to analyze why some schools soar while others struggle. See Page 2.

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